



6TH Annual Grace Curtis Conference

“Stand Up and Be Counted” Day

“It’s All Relative”

Sunday March 25, 2012 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Mystic Marriott
625 North Road (Route 117), Groton, CT 06340
Exit 88 off I-95



Gina Gallagher and Patricia Konjoian present

“Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid: A Survival Guide for Ordinary Parents of Special Children” and their Movement of Imperfection

On a perfection-preoccupied planet, sisters Gina Gallagher and Patricia Konjoian, dare to speak openly about the frustrations, stigmas, joys and challenges they face as parents of children with disabilities (one with Asperger’s syndrome, the other with bipolar disorder). This refreshingly frank and enjoyable presentation, based on their book, “Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid, a survival guide for ordinary parents of special children” (Random House, August 2010), has participants laughing out loud and celebrating the joys, gifts, and milestones of special children. Participants will learn how to use laughter as a coping technique, dealing with insensitive people, getting your children the services they need, and breaking stigma.



LeDerick Horne presents

“Beyond Classification”

This keynote presentation provides strategies for increasing the academic performance, self-determination, and self-advocacy skills of students with disabilities. As an entrepreneur and performance poet with a learning disability who has worked as an advocate on the national, state and local level, LeDerick Horne provides a unique prospective on education reform and issues related to creating a more equitable society. This emotionally stirring talk is filled with moving verses and empowering information that will prepare the audience to challenge stereotypes, rethink pedagogy and improve the lives of people with disabilities. Key objectives will include providing the audience with information about increasing performance and confidence in students with disabilities as well as provide key strategies for developing self-determination and self-advocacy skills.



Master of Ceremonies:

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